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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Experiment in Competitive Analysis, NIE 11-3/8-76

- REFERENCES: (1) USIB-D-13.1/49 dated 25 Nov 75, "DCI Comments on NSC Staff and PFIAB Proposals Regarding Possible Revisions in the NIE Process"
- 25X1 (2) [redacted] dated 12 Nov 75, "NSC Staff and PFIAB Proposals Regarding Possible Revisions in the NIE Process"

1. Forwarded for your information is a letter to the DCI dated 8 June 1976 from the Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. As explained in the letter, the Board has recommended that an experiment in competitive analysis be undertaken in connection with the production of this year's estimate on Soviet Forces for Intercontinental Conflict: NIE 11-3/8-76. The Director of Central Intelligence has agreed to conduct the experiment according to guidelines proposed in the attached letter.

25X1 2. The DCI has designated [redacted] formerly Deputy Director of the Office of Strategic Research, CIA, to arrange and supervise the conduct of the experiment under the aegis of the National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs. [redacted] will provide a central focus and support point for the individual teams preparing the competitive analyses. He will be substantively informed on the issues to be addressed but will assume a substantively neutral role regarding the analyses.

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3. The experiment should not interfere with the work of the intelligence community in preparation of NIE 11-3/8-76. Both NFIB representatives and principals will be involved, however, in reviewing the results of the experiment prior to issuances of the NIE.

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Richard Lehman

Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

21 June 1976  
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